



NCAA III Men's Golf COMES TO OGLEBAY



Oglebay is hosting the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Men's Golf Championship through May 14th. Fans who wish to attend the tournament are welcome, but asked to park at Crispin where they will be shuttled to Speidel.

Planning for the event started back in April 2017. Together with Bethany College, the tournament showcases Oglebay's two championship courses to an elite group of golfers, made up of some of the best division three players in the country.

"With the tournament coming to Oglebay, players from across the country will be exposed to what the park has to offer. They'll share their Oglebay experience with the world. Given their skills on the links, their opinion carries tremendous credibility," Danny Ackerman, Oglebay Golf General Manager shared.

Brad McCombs, Oglebay Golf's Speidel Superintendent was brought on board to help prepare the Palmer and Jones Courses for the tournament. McCombs (43) was previously the Superintendent at Blackmoor Golf Club in Richmond, Ohio. The Follansbee, West Virginia, native and 2003 Rutgers University Graduate (degree in Turf Grass Management) joined the Oglebay team in October of 2020.

McCombs explains, "There's way more to the job than fertilizers and mowing. The challenge our topography presents when dealing with irrigation, maintaining an integrated pest management program, together with all the things we do on a daily basis to ensure the turf remains healthy keep me busy. There's a lot of organization, but I get a rush as my team tackles their daily assignments to meet the needs of the course to get the job done, especially during the height of the season."

"Everyone wants to play Pinehurst, but affordability makes it tough. Oglebay appeals to all levels of play and demographics. There is a family aspect to what we offer here. Multiple courses, venues, the cottages; we're excellent in our niche," says Ackerman.





